

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES STANDING COMMITTEE
Room W020, State Capitol Complex**

February 15, 2007

Members Present: Rep. John Dougall, Chair
Rep. Aaron Tilton, Vice Chair
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

Members Absent: Rep. David Clark

Staff Present: Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S. Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Dougall called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Harper and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

S.B. 135 Public Employees Disability Benefits Limitations (*Sen. L. Hillyard*)

Sen. Hillyard explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Tani Downing, Executive Director, Workforce Services.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass S.B. 135 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Harper and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to place S.B. 135 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Harper and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

Rep. Dougall relinquished the chair to Rep. Tilton.

H.B. 377 Retirement Benefit Amendments (Rep. J. Dougall)

Rep. Dougall explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Tom Hardy, Utah League of Cities and Towns
 Kelly Atkinson, Fraternal Order of Police
 Michael Galieti, Utah Peace Officers Association
 Audrey Wood, Utah Public Employees Association
 Ryan Mellor, Utah State Firefighters Association
 Marty Peterson, Pension Membership Council
 Jan Johnson, Utah Alliance of Government Employees
 Courtney White, Utah Education Association

Spoke to the bill: Robert Newman, Utah Retirement System

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass H.B. 377 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Morgan moved to return H.B. 377 to the Rules Committee for interim study.
 The motion failed with Rep. Hansen, Rep. Morgan, and Rep. Shurtliff voting in
 favor of the motion and Rep. Harper absent for the vote.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 14: Delete "2007" and insert "2008"
2. Page 2, Line 36: Delete "2007" and insert "2008"
3. Page 8, Line 218: Delete "2007" and insert "2008"
4. Page 8, Line 225: Delete "2007" and insert "2008"
5. Page 8, Line 226: Delete "2007" and insert "2008"
6. Page 10, Line 288: Delete "2007" and insert "2008"

The motion to amend the bill passed with Rep. Hansen voting in opposition to the motion and Rep. Harper absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass H.B. 377 as amended out favorably. The motion
 passed with Rep. Hansen, Rep. Morgan, and Rep. Shurtliff voting in opposition
 to the motion. Rep. Harper was absent for the vote.

H.B. 387 Post-retirement Benefits Restrictions *(Rep. J. Dougall)*

This bill was not heard at this meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Harper absent for the vote.

Rep. Tilton adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Rep. John Dougall, Chair